

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2008, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by July 3, 2008.

Claims 1-5 and 7-11 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the drawings, specification, and claims were objected to for various informalities. Claims 2 and 4-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,540,129 to Kalber et al. Claims 2-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kalber et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 344,175 and/or U.S. Patent No. 930,228 to Rennie and/or WO 02/22297.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 6-10 if rewritten to overcome the rejections under Section 112, second paragraph and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, the drawings have been amended to address the objections.


Likewise, the specification and claims were amended to address the objections and rejection under Section 112, second paragraph.

In light of the allowance of claims 6-10, claim 1 has been amended to add the features of allowable claim 6, which was canceled. Claim 1 as amended now stands in condition for allowance, along with its dependent claims 2-5 and 7-10.

Claim 11 also has been amended to adopt the features of amended claim 1, and therefore also is allowable for including the features of allowed claim 6.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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